

of the paper box, and the severance guide line extends obliquely downward from the opposite ends of the connecting ridge line along a pair of side boards and extends along the front board beneath the concave cutout part formed in the front board of the inner carton.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Besides, the present invention has achieved the above objects by providing a paper container, which stores a sheet-like detergent which is packaged with a water-soluble sheet and stacked up in layers, and wherein the paper container includes an inner carton which is inserted into the container main body along an inner surface thereof, an inner surface of the lid member in a closed position overlies the inner carton, and the container main body, the inner carton and lid member are formed of a moisture-proof material.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In the paper container of the present invention, at the time of storing the sheet-like detergent packaged with a water-soluble sheet in layers, if there is a provision of an inner carton which is inserted along the inner surface of the container main body, the inner surface of the lid member in the closed position

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overlies the inner carton and if the container main body, the inner carton and the lid member are formed of a moisture-preventive material, the moisture-preventive property and water-drop entry preventive property of the container can be improved and the sheet-like detergent packaged with a water-soluble sheet can be prevented from sticking to each other.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The container main body 12 is a rectangular parallelepiped box body whose upper end surface is opened as the upper end open surface 13. According to the first embodiment, the container main body 12 has, as shown in FIG. 2, a rectangular parallelepiped inner carton 21 mounted on an inner side of an outer jacket 20 which constitutes the container main body 12. Thus, the container main body 12 is of a dual construction. An upper half part of the front board 22 of the inner carton 21 and upper half parts of the pair of side boards 23 are exposed upward of the outer jacket 20, and therefore, form the front board 15 and the side boards 25, together with the outer jacket 20 (see FIG. 1).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Q5 --According to the first embodiment, the exposed front board 22 of the inner carton 21 constituting the front board 15 of the container main body 12 is formed within its region of a lateral length of 100 mm and a height of 60 mm with the concave cutout part 16 extending from the upper end open surface 13 of the container main body 12 such that a lower end edge part of the concave cutout part 16 is curved. By cutting 24 opposite sides of a central part of the curved lower end edge part of the concave cutout part 16, a tongue-like lock part 26 is formed on the central part of the concave cutout part 16. A lower end part of the front lid part 18 of the lid member 14, which is described later, is engaged with this tongue-like lock part 26 when the lid member 14 of the container main body 10 is closed (see FIG. 3).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Q6 --According to the first embodiment, the outer jacket 20 and the lid member 14, which constitute the container main body 12, are, as shown in FIG. 4, formed by cutting and dividing the hexahedral paper box 29 through a cutting belt 33 extending from opposite ends of a connecting ridge line 32 between the upper board 30 and the back board 31 of the paper box 29. The cutting belt 33 is

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formed by being sandwiched between one pair of upper and lower perforations 34, 35 as severance guide lines. By tearing up the cutting belt 33 along the perforations 34, 35, the paper box 29 is divided into the outer jacket 20 and the lid member 14 which are hingedly connected to each other by serving the connecting ridge line 32 as the crease line 28. The upwardly located perforations 34 extend obliquely downward from the opposite ends of the connecting ridge line 32 along the pair of side boards 36 of the paper box 29 and extend along the front board 37 of the paper box 29 beneath the concave cutout part 16 formed in the front board 22 of the inner carton 21. The lid member 14 formed by this comprises the upper lid part 17, the front lid part 18 and the pair of side lid parts 19 as previously mentioned.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--According to the first embodiment, the paper container 10 is distributed and sold as a product in which the sheet-like detergent 11 stacked up in layers and the inner carton 21 are disposed within the paper box 29. At the time of use of the sheet-like detergent 11, the cutting belt 33 is torn up so that the paper box 29 is divided into the outer jacket 20 and the lid member 14 so that the lid member 14 is readily opened/closed. In that state, the lid member 14 is opened to take out the sheet-like detergent 11.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

68 --FIG. 5 shows a paper container 50 according to a second embodiment of the present invention. In this paper container 50, a container main body 51 is of a single structure in which no inner carton is employed. A lid member 53 is hingedly attached to a back side edge part of an upper open surface 51, the container main body 51 is formed at a front board 54 thereof with a concave cutout part 55, and a tongue-like lock part 56 is disposed at a lower end edge part of the front board 54. This paper container 50 is distributed and sold in a state that the upper end open surface 51 and the concave cutout part 55 are covered with the lid member 53 and a peripheral edge part of the lid member 53 is bonded to the container main body 51. The sheet-like detergent 11 is taken out by releasing the bonding state so that the lid member 53 is readily opened/closed. The same operation and effect as in the paper container 10 of the first embodiment can also be obtained by this paper container 50.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

29 --The paper container 60 according to a preferred fourth embodiment of the present invention, as shown in FIGS. 8 and 9, includes an outer box 63 comprising a container main body 61 and a lid member 62, an inner carton 64

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inserted along an inner surface of the container main body 61, and a detergent ooze-preventive bottom board 65 (FIG. 5) which is laid on a bottom part of the container main body 61 and inner carton 64. The paper container 60 contains, for example, 30 sheets of plate-like detergent 66 stacked up in the form of layers.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17 line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The inner carton 64 is composed of a moisture-proof cardboard, for example, a raw material 64A which is formed by sticking a polypropylene film to an inner surface of a cardboard (coated board). The inner carton 64 comprises a square sleeve-like wraparound body 75 and a hole-made bottom part 76 connected to a lower end of the body 75. The inner carton 64 is inserted along the inner surface of the container main body 61. An upper part of the wraparound body 75 is partly raised from the open end edge of the container main body 61, and the inner surface of the lid member 62 in the closed position is overlaid to provide a close fit. The inner carton 64 is provided at a front surface thereof with a concave cutout part 77. In the fourth embodiment, the inner carton 64 is abutted at its bottom part 76 with the bottom part of the container main body 61 and fixedly secured to the inner surface of the container main body 61 through an adhesive agent. However, the inner carton 64 is not necessarily provided with the bottom part 76. It may be provided with a non-perforated bottom part.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Q11 --The inner carton 64 includes a lid insertion part 78 which can lock the edge of the lid member 62 when the lid member 62 is closed again after it is opened. In the fourth embodiment, a tongue piece sandwiched between two streaks of cutout line 78A, 78A formed in the edge which define the concave cutout part 77 at the front surface of the inner carton 64 serves as the lid insertion part 78.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Q12 --The bottom board 65 is in the form of a flat board and composed of a moisture-proof cardboard, for example, a raw material which is formed by sticking a polypropylene film to an inner surface of a cardboard (coated board) as in the case with the inner carton 64.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a13 --Accordingly, the sequential procedure for manufacturing the paper container 60 is as follows. As shown in FIG. 8, before gluing of the ceiling formation part 71 of the raw material 63A which constitutes the outer box 63, this ceiling formation part 71 is opened and the inner carton 64 is inserted into the inside of the outer box 63 and bonded to the inner surface of the container main body 61. Then, the bottom board 65 is inserted into the inside of the inner carton 64 and bonded to the bottom surface of the inner carton 64. Subsequently, a plate-like detergent 66 is loaded to the inside of the outer box 63 and inner carton 64, and then, the ceiling formation part 71 of the outer box 63 is glued. It is also accepted that a sub-assembly in which the bottom board 65 and the plate-like detergent 66 are preliminarily stored within the faucet part 64 is inserted into the inside of the outer box 63.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a14 --The sequential procedure for using the paper container 60 is as follows. The easy cut part 67 of the outer box 63 is cut and the lid member 62 is opened relative to the container main body 61. An outer edge part of the plate-like detergent 66 facing the concave cutout part 77 of the inner carton 64 is handled

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to take out the plate-like detergent 66 from the outer box 63. The plate-like detergent 66 is packaged, for example, with a water-soluble film and therefore, it can be thrown into a washing machine as it is and without soiling the user's hand.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--(2) The inner carton 64 raised from the open edge of the container main body 61 is provided with the concave cutout parts 34, when the plate-like detergent 66 is stored in a storage part which is defined by the container main body 61 and inner carton 64. And the storage part is open not only at the ceiling side but also at the front board. Therefore, the outer edge parts of the plate-like detergents 66 vertically stacked up in the storage part in the form of layers are faced with the concave cutout part 77. This makes it possible for the user to pick up the outer edge part of the plate-like detergent 66 and take out the detergent 66 easily.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--(3) When the paper container 60 is closed, the lid part 62 is engaged over the inner carton 64 raised from the open edge part of the container main body 61

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so that entry of moisture into the paper container 60 is prevented. Thus, the plate-like detergent 66 can be prevented from absorbing moisture.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--(4) The edge of the lid member 62 can be engaged with the lid insertion part 78 of the inner carton 64 at the time of closing the lid again. Accordingly, the lid member 62 can surely be closed again and the plate-like detergent 66 can be prevented from absorbing moisture.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--(6) The easy cut part 67 of the outer box 63 is in the form of perforations, half-cut line, or the like, and therefore, moisture is easy to enter. However, entry of moisture is prevented by the inner carton 64 which is located at an inner side of the easy cut part 67. Thus, the plate-like detergent 66 is prevented from absorbing moisture.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 20, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a19 --The sequential procedure for using the paper container 60 of the fourth embodiment in which the sheet-like detergent 79 is stored, is as follows. The easy cut part 67 of the outer box 63 is cut and the lid member 62 is opened relative to the container main body 61. An outer edge part of the sheet-like detergent 66 facing the concave cutout part 77 of the inner carton 64 is handled to take out the sheet-like detergent 79 from the outer box 63. The sheet-like detergent 79 is packaged, for example, with a water-soluble film and therefore, it can be thrown into a washing machine as it is and without soiling the user's hand.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 20, line 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a20 --(1) When the paper container 60 is closed, the lid member 62 is engaged over the inner carton 64 raised from the open edge part of the container main body 61 and the member container main body 61, the inner carton 64 and the lid member 62 are composed of a moisture proof material, so that entry of moisture and water drop into the box is prevented. Thus, the sheet-like detergents 79 can be prevented from sticking to each other by avoiding dissolving of the water-soluble sheet caused by moisture absorption and adhesion of water drop.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 21, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Q21 --(3) The easy cut part 67 is in the form of perforations, half-cut line, or the like, and therefore, moisture is easy to enter. However, entry of moisture is prevented by the inner carton 64 which is located at an inner side of the easy cut part 67. Thus, the sheet-like detergents 66 are prevented from sticking to each other.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 21, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Q22 --(4) The inner carton 64 raised from the open edge part of the container main body 61 is provided with the concave cutout part 77, when the sheet-like detergent 79 is stored in a storage part which is defined by the container main body 61 and inner carton 64. And the storage part is open not only at the ceiling side but also sideways. Therefore, the outer edge parts of the sheet-like detergents 79 vertically stacked up in the storage part in the form of layers are faced with the concave cutout part 77. This makes it possible for the user to pick up the outer edge part of the sheet-like detergent 79 and take out the detergent 79 easily.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 21, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a23 --(5) The edge of the lid member 62 can be engaged with the lid insertion part 78 of the inner carton 64 at the time of closing the lid again. Accordingly, the lid member 62 can surely be closed again and the sheet-like detergents 79 can be prevented from sticking to each other.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 23, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a24 --The bottom surface part 81 of the outer box 63 into which the inner carton 64 is inserted is constituted by folding the two inner flaps 86, one intermediate flap 87 and one outer flap 88 extending from a lower side of each side board 80A surrounding the lower opening of the body part 80 in this order and bonding them together.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 23, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a25 --In the fourth embodiment, the inner carton 64 inserted into the outer flap 63 is bonded to the inner surface of the inner flap 86. That area of the inner flap 86 which corresponds to the cutout part 87A of the intermediate flap 87 is also provided with the punched-out hole-like cutout part 86A.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 24, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A24 --(3) The inner carton 64 is inserted into the outer box 63 and folded on the inner surface of the inner flap 86 in item (2) mentioned above. The inner carton 64 is bonded to the outer flap 88 through the adhesive agent C supplied to the two cutout parts 86A, 87A of the inner flap 86 and the intermediate flap 87 (FIGS. 16(A) and 16(B)).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 25, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A27 --(2) After the outer flap 88 is bonded to the intermediate flap 87 and the inner flap 86 by the above-mentioned item (1), the inner carton 64 is inserted into the outer box 63. By doing so, the inner carton 64 is bonded to the outer flap 88 through the adhesive agent C supplied to the two cutout parts 86A, 87A of the inner flap 86 and the intermediate flap 87. Accordingly, by a single adhesive agent applying process, not only the inner flap 86, the intermediate flap 87 and the outer flap 88 can simultaneously be bonded together but also the inner carton 64 can be bonded.--